

# EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

ALISA LEVIN,  
PLAINTIFF,

CASE NO. 1 18 CV 01723

V.

PAUL ABRAMSON ,  
DEFENDANT.

**AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL ABRAMSON IN EXPLANATION OF NON  
APPEARANCE OF OCTOBER 17, 2018**

Affiant, an adult over the age of eighteen years, does state and affirm that if called to testify in the above-captioned matter, he would do so voluntarily, honestly and from personal knowledge and in so doing upon penalty of perjury, he would state truthfully as follows:

1. I hired Chicago Attorney Joel Handler to appear for me today in what I believed in good faith was in compliance with the court's order of October 3, 2018
2. That order stated that the Plaintiff was allowed to appear by Counsel and Defendant to appear for myself I assumed since I was in Pro Se. Again I thought this was because I was in Pro Se and not for any other reason.
3. That order did not indicate there was supposed to be a Evidence hearing on October 17 2018
4. Further as I stated in my affidavit filed on October 10 2018 it would be undue hard ship to have to appear on such short notice as I live in California and also the primary care giver to a small child.
5. Today the court has given me less than 24 hours notice to appear at an evidence hearing in Chicago at 9 30 am on October 18 2018 which I believe is unreasonable notice
6. Therefore I beg the court to reconsider its position and allow me to appear by phone or video tomorrow. If not then to please continue the matter for 30 days so I can try to make arrangements for my child so I can travel to Chicago from California.

Affiant further sayeth naught.

**VERIFICATION BY CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as a foresaid that he or she verily believes the same to be true.

Paul Abramson  
/s/paulabramson/

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October 17<sup>th</sup> 2018